# **Highlights**

### Refinery Activity (Million Barrels per Day)

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	Four Weeks Ending		
	11/17/00	11/10/00	11/17/99
Crude Oil Input to Refineries	. 15.3	15.3	14.7
Refinery Capacity Utilization (Percent).	. 92.9	92.9	91.6
Motor Gasoline Production	. 8.2	8.2	8.2
Distillate Fuel Oil Production	. 3.9	3.9	3.6
See Table 2.			

Refinery operable capacity utilization for the 4 weeks ending November 17, 2000, was slightly above last year's rate. This week's operable capacity utilization rate was 92.1 percent. The 4 week average for motor gasoline production remained about the same as last year's level, while distillate fuel oil production was at 8 percent above.

#### Stocks (Million Barrels)

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	Week Ending		
	11/17/00	11/10/00	11/17/99
Crude Oil (Excluding SPR)	. 290.2	284.0	301.0
Motor Gasoline	. 188.9	189.0	204.8
Distillate Fuel Oil <sup>1</sup>	. 114.9	115.2	140.1
All Other Oils	. 354.3	359.9	360.8
Crude Oil in SPR <sup>2</sup>	. 560.3	564.5	570.6
Total	1,508.6	1,512.6	1,577.3
See Table 3.			

Crude oil stocks were 6.2 MMB higher than last week's level. Motor gasoline stocks were 0.1 MMB lower than last week's level. The current 188.9 MMB includes reformulated gasoline stocks of 40.3 MMB, but excludes oxygenate stocks of MTBE and fuel ethanol. At the end of October, they were about 9.6 MMB and 4.1 MMB, respectively. Distillate stocks were 0.3 MMB lower than last week's level. They are 25.2 MMB below last year's level, and are below the lower bound of the average range.

## **Net Imports** (Million Barrels per Day)

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		Four Weeks Ending		
		11/17/00	11/10/00	11/17/99
Crude Oil		8.9	9.1	8.3
Petroleum Products		1.3	1.5	1.0
	Total	10.2	10.6	9.3
See Table 1.				

Net imports of crude oil and petroleum products during the 4 weeks ending November 17, 2000 were 9 percent higher than the levels for the same period last year.

#### **Products Supplied** (Million Barrels per Day)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	11/17/00	11/10/00	11/17/99
Motor Gasoline	8.6	8.6	8.4
Distillate Fuel Oil	3.9	4.0	3.7
All Other Products	7.7	7.7	7.4
Total	20.2	20.3	19.4
See Table 9.			

Over the past four weeks, motor gasoline product supplied was 3 percent above last year's level, and distillate fuel oil product supplied was 6 percent above.

## **Prices** (Cents per Gallon except as noted)

		Week Ending	9
	11/17/00	11/10/00	11/19/99
World Crude OilSpot Prices	31.58	30.78	24.41
WTI Crude Oil - Cushing			
(Dollars per Barrel)		34.05	26.61
Conv. Regular Gasoline - NYH		91.80	72.50
RFG Regular - NYH		93.05	71.40
No. 2 Heating Oil - NYH		101.80	67.98
No. 2 Low-sulfur Diesel Fuel - NYH		102.80	70.45
Kerosene-Type Jet - NYH		108.05	72.16
Residual Fuel - NYH		67.26	47.57
Propane - Mont Belvieu	61.75	59.50	45.00
	11/20/00	11/13/00	11/22/99
Retail Prices			
Motor Gasoline - Regular	151.0	152.3	126.9
Conventional Areas		149.5	125.5
Oxygenated Areas	155.4	157.5	130.5
OPRG Areas		158.6	132.9
RFG Areas	157.9	158.7	129.5
On-Highway Diesel Fuel	162.7	160.3	128.9
Source: Reuters Ltd.			
See Tables 12-14 and 16.			

The average world crude oil price on November 17, 2000 was \$31.58 per barrel, up \$0.80 from the previous week and \$7.17 more than last year. WTI was \$35.62 per barrel on November 17, 2000, up \$1.57 from the previous week and \$9.01 more than last year. The spot price for conventional gasoline in the New York Harbor was 97.70 cents per gallon, up 5.90 cents from last week. The spot price for diesel fuel in the New York Harbor on November 17, 2000 was 109.20 cents per gallon, up 6.40 cents from last week.

The national average retail regular gasoline price decreased for the fourth consecutive week to 151.0 cents per gallon on November 20, 2000, down 1.3 cents from last week but 24.1 cents higher than a year ago. After four weeks of decline, the national average retail diesel fuel price increased to 162.7 cents per gallon on November 20, 2000, rising 2.4 cents from last week and 33.8 cents higher than last year.

Distillate fuel oil stocks located in the "Northeast Heating Oil Reserve" are not included. For details see Appendix D, page 69.

Note: Data may not add to total due to independent rounding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Crude oil stocks in the SPR include non-U.S. stocks held under foreign or commercial storage agreements.